



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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We bid a fond farewell to **Doug Menzies OAM** who has been involved with Scouting for nearly 60 years and has been the Chief Commissioner Scouts Australia NSW since 2011.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given to the Youth and Leaders of GWSR.

We wish you a happy and relaxing, well earned break.

**Bravo**

*"Scouting is a learning community of young people and adults.*

*The best results for Scouts NSW will come from all of us working in a partnership, combining youth enthusiasm with valuable adult experience."*

- Neville Tomkins OAM JP

Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia NSW



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## FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

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Firstly congratulations to Emily Tyrell (1<sup>st</sup> Glossodia), Jake Mountford and Stuart Mort (1<sup>st</sup> Carlingford), Jake Krnel, Sienna Archer and Jarrod Mutton (2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills) and Alex Hourd (1<sup>st</sup> Castle Hill) on recently completing their Queen's Scout Award. The Units, Leaders and their parents should be given a big BRAVO for the help given to these young people for achieving this prestigious award.

Unfortunately I was on holidays and could not attend the Queen's Scout presentation for Callum Firth but I also congratulate him on his achievements.

I attended the School Fete at Grose View Public School where our climbing wall was a great hit with the children. Thanks to Frank Barr and his team (including the two Venturers from 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Unit) for doing a brilliant job of promoting Scouting in the Hawkesbury. The Leaders from Grose Vale Group had activities and I hope your efforts are rewarded with some new members.

Our annual Awards Presentation Night will be held at Wentworthville Leagues Club on Thursday 13 October 2016. Applications are now open and close on 30<sup>th</sup> September at close of business. The cost will be \$40.00 for a 3 course meal, tea and coffee (recipients do not pay) so please arrange your table.

Registration at: [www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au)

Not long now to the Cuboree with Shake Down Camps starting soon at Bundilla. I look forward to catching up with you at these camps.

I have a few a number of events to attend in the next month and will bring you up to date with these in the next Bulletin.

Until next time .....Carry on Scouting.

**Neville Henderson OAM**

**Region Commissioner**

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### YOUR HELP REQUIRED

ABC television program **Behind the News** has created a new initiative to Welcome Refugee Children to Australia.

Between now and the 23rd of September 2016, ABC are looking for the following information from the young people of Australia;



***Either***

- A Welcome to Australia Message
- Your Favourite Place to Visit in Australia
- Your Favourite thing about living in Australia.

**Details on how to submit entries can be found on the below link**

**<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/topic/welcomebook.htm>**

**We understand the short turnaround time, and any help in getting this out to Cub Scouts in time to participate would be appreciated.**

**Johnathan Morey**

**Assistant National Commissioner - Youth Program**

**Scouts Australia**

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## STRATEGY UPDATE—GEOFF HENDERSON GWS RL STRATEGY

Hi All

It has been great to see so many of our members out and about enjoying their Scouting; be it at the State Rally, 100 years of Cubs Wide Game or in Cumberland Gang Show.

Rock on!!!!



Since my last update, we have released our first two support guides, designed to aid Leaders and Parents in developing stronger Scout Groups. In the first guide, we look at Recruiting of Youth Members. **Recruitment** is the life blood of Scout Groups and with a little planning you can make the most of your recruitment activities. Remember, we want to give as many kids as possible, the experience of Scouting and the more the merrier.

This month Neville and I were at the Grose View Spring Fair in Hawkesbury District for a recruitment activity. With the climbing wall in full swing, water rockets blasting and damper cooking, the kids and parents had a great time. Thanks to the support of Frank Barr from the Activities Team and the dedicated leaders and parents of Hawkesbury District who made this event a success. I hope to report back in the next edition on the numbers of new chums in Hawkesbury District.

You can find the [How to Recruit Youth Members](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/region/resources/promotions) guide at;

<http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/region/resources/promotions>

You can find the [How to Recruit Leaders](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/region/resources/promotions) guide at;

<http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/region/resources/promotions>

Got a good recruitment story? Please let me know: [strategy@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:strategy@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

Next month I am off to San Francisco and am hoping to drop in on a local Scout Group to talk about Scouts in Australia and learn about Scouts in America. Whilst there, I am also hoping to pick up some tips on how they approach Recruitment and Fundraising.

Keep Scouting

*Geoff*



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## CUB SCOUT REPORT

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### PRE-CUBOREE CAMPS (aka SHAKEDOWN CAMP)

**September 10th & 11th – Pre Cuboree Camp - Blacktown, Blue Mts, Hawkesbury and Penrith**  
**September 17th & 18th – Pre Cuboree Camp - Hills Sth (3 packs), Holroyd and Parramatta (2 packs)**

Best wishes to all the Pack Coordinators for a successful shakedown camp. This time we have taken out timed bases to give you some more time to get to know your team and youth members and observe how they all get on together; but as timing is important at Cuboree we expect to see all Packs on Parade, at Campfire and Scouts Own on time. Your Camp Chief should not have to stand waiting for everyone to wander in - so please keep a very close eye on your watches and be on time!

As I will not be present at the camps, I have allocated qualified and experienced members of the Seeonee Team to be responsible for the overall safety and well being of the camps. Also your camp sites will be visited by various Scout Leaders and experienced Cuboree Leaders, whose job it is to advise on the suitability of your camp layout and camping equipment. Please welcome them to your campsite and listen to any suggestions they may make to improve some aspect of your campsite. They will be particularly looking at the Hygiene and Safety aspects.

### CUBOREE

I have posted off many Application forms to the Cuboree Office - yet more come in each week! Please finalise your applications asap - any Initial Applicants should be followed up - if they are not proceeding please let your Pack Coordinators know so we can have them deleted from the system.

I still have quite a number of forms awaiting payments and signatures. Thank you to the GLs and applicants who have completed my requests and returned the forms or cheques to me - if you are reading this and have still not returned forms I returned to you for signatures, please sign and send to Region Office this week.

There are still many more people listed as Submitted that I have not seen any forms for. Please print, make payment and send to Region Office immediately.

**A reminder to everyone that payment should be made by credit card - once you hit the Submit Button - the instructions for Make Payment will appear on the screen. Payments are not to be made directly to State Office. A Group cheque (to Scouts Australia) to cover the number of paper applications can be attached also.**

Some of our Districts are short on a few Leaders; if you are a Leader and have applied to attend Cuboree, but do not have an allocated role, please let me know if you are interested in a Line Leader position. Preference will be given to CSLs who are fully trained and may have previous Cuboree experience, but all expressions of interest will be considered.

Up to now I have only heard from a few people requesting to work on the GWS Activity base. I need to know what you want to do, so you can be allocated correctly. Please email me asap, thank you.

**Anne Thompson (Wontolla) - RC Cub Scouts**

Email: [cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

## GWS Region Activity Base - Avalon (Medieval England)

**Calling all Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders and Adult Helpers  
to work on our fun activity base.**

**No experience required - on the job training provided.  
Reasonable working hours and a guaranteed half day off at least!**

**Register online now.**

**For more information please email: [cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au)**

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## **VENTURER REPORT**

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I would like to congratulate the following Venturers on recently completing their Queen's Scout Awards:

**Emily Tyrell from 1st Glossodia**

**Jake Mountford and Stuart Mort from 1st Carlingford**

**Jake Krnel, Saxon Krnel, Sienna Archer and Jarrod Mutton from 2nd Baulkham Hills**

**Alex Hourd from 1st Castle Hill**

**Meaghan Smith from 1st Oakville**

Our Leadership Course was held at Bundilla in August. Due to popular demand we increased capacity to accommodate 34 participants on the course.

Our Region Environment Camp and Unit Management Course this month were also at full capacity.

Our 2017 calendar has now been drafted and is available from the Region website.

**Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts**

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## **TRAINING REPORT**

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At a recent training conference, the new Chief Commissioner expressed his disappointment at the NSW training figures. Within Australia we are the worst state for completing training within 12 months and as well we have the lowest completion of advanced training rate!

As a training team we are being asked to encourage all trainees to complete their basic training within the 12 months. Trainees will now receive e-mails at certain times (2 months, 6 months) from the National office. Our e-learning is a National procedure. The 12 months are taken from the time the log in details are sent out to the trainee.

Although the number of leaders completing their advanced training (Wood Badge course) has improved, there are still a large number that have to do the e-learning and course.

On the training web site it lists the first step to becoming a Leader as filling in an A1 application form and then getting a Working with Children Check number. These steps must be completed at the same time. The A1 form can not be submitted with out the WWCC number.

Finally, well done to all those that have completed residential courses lately and have sent in their in service and transfer forms. This is the final step to becoming a qualified leader and in some instances takes the longest time to complete.

**Kathy Cuneo**

**Region Commissioner AT&D**

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**This photo was taken at the Training Conference last week. Frank Barr took the instruction "dress in Region colour" to the fun extreme!**

**L to R  
Frank Barr, Kathy Cuneo and Tony Dent**



## REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT

I am pretty sure we are now starting to see the last of the winter weather and while the Activities Team has certainly not been dormant, the cooler weather does tend to quieten things down a little, particularly with the water based type activities. With spring, now upon us, things will really start to wind up on the activity front, as we head towards Christmas!



This last month kicked off with running the Climbing Wall down at Glenfield for the State Rally. What made this all a bit different to the usual activity - was that it was all run at night, under flood lights. A great time was had by all involved.

*All a bit more exciting at night*



Our Yabbie Team, led by Ross Smith, were out and about spending a great day doing some of the 'dry' Canyons up in the Wollemi National Park. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by Scouts from 2nd Castle Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills and some Venturers from 1<sup>st</sup> Oakville. Along with Ross, a big thank you to Quentin Napier, Jason Edwards, Lachlan Smith and Jake Kmel for their help and effort on the day.

A Flying Fox Course run by South Coast & Tablelands at Camp Bengalee was attended by Quentin Napier, who certainly enjoyed the weekend. This is all in preparation for a number of Fox setups we have coming up over the next few months, including the Region Jamborette at Cataract, and the Cuboree in January.

The month also finished off with the climbing wall; this time at the Telopea Community Fair, held in the grounds of Telopea Public School. The day also saw the Circus team in action with a workshop providing real hands experience with Circus type skills. Not to be out done a small team from Gang Show, including a number of the Comet Cast, were able to share some of their unique skills with some very entertaining theatre skits. It is so good to be able demonstrate the huge variety of skills and experience Scouting can offer to the general community



I would also like to pass on thanks to Matt Thompson, who gave the team a run down on the Event Management System he has developed, and how we may be able to streamline the paperwork procedures on many of our activities. Watch this space for further updates, as they come to hand.

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

**Stage Manager CGS**

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## **Jamboree On The Air /Jamboree On The Internet (JOTA/JOTI) station**

**Saturday 15th October**

**4 Moore Street, Glenbrook (old Glenbrook Scout Hall)**

**Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship (BMSF) in conjunction with the Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club (BMARC) would like to invite you participate in this activity.**

**This is our third year of operation and many of you may not know we exist.**

All Scouts and Guides from all Groups and Districts from 6 years through to adults are welcome to attend and participate. Supporters and family can also attend.

The radio club plans to provide three different forms of radio/internet communication as well as provide the opportunity to construct a simple electronic kit.

### **Our base will operate from**

**10am until 12noon for 6-10 year olds (sausage sizzle from noon to 2pm)**

**2pm until 4pm for 11-14 year olds (sausage sizzle from 4pm to 6pm)**

**and 6pm until 8pm for 15 year olds and over.**

Any age can come at any time (with a Leader) but we recognise that children interact more if they are with their own age group.

We recommend that Leaders provide one activity for youth to do, particularly the 6 -10 year olds, while radios are full, thank you.

- **Entry is free**
- **All kits are supplied free**
- **Sausage sandwich \$2**
- **Can of drink \$2**
- **Tea, coffee, biscuits free for Leaders**
- **JOTA/JOTI (camp blanket) badge \$2 each**
- **Cash only, no cheques accepted. Receipts supplied (on request) for badges only, not food.**

Every age group will be able to commence some part of their badge work on the day.

Read your respective requirements. We suggest Leaders provide an activity that also supports this badge work.

Badge work for the over 15 year olds will be particularly accessible. More information on the day, if requested.

Please email [maryjaneallan@iprimus.com.au](mailto:maryjaneallan@iprimus.com.au) to advise us of your intention to attend with your youth members. An indication of time and approximate numbers would be appreciated.

**For further information please direct all requests to: [maryjaneallan@iprimus.com.au](mailto:maryjaneallan@iprimus.com.au)**

## SAILING ACTIVITIES - KEITH TRAVERS

### Sailing Competition

Name this sailing boat type for a free sailing half day on 8th October 2016 to be held at Blacktown Boatshed Cnr Sydney and Boyd Street Blacktown from 9am to 12 noon.



**Please email or phone your entries through to Keith Travers by October 7.**

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **Open day 8th October at Blacktown Boatshed 9am to 12 noon - "Familiarisation for sailing day".**
- **Sailing workshops will be held on October 15, 22 and 29 at Lake Chipping Norton from 9am to 3pm. Cost \$35 per person per day.**
- **A two day sailing workshop will be held on 17th and 18th December at Lake Chipping Norton from 9am to 3pm both days Cost \$70.00 for the 2 days. Closing date 8th December.**
- **A five day sailing workshop will be conducted at Lake Chipping Norton from January 8 to 12, 2107. Cost \$100 Closing date December 11, 2016**

**The E1 forms will be available on the website soon.**

**Workshops may be booked through Region Office - Closing dates 2 weeks prior to the event.**

**Contact Keith Travers on 9632 3341 for more information.**

**Keith Travers - Activity Leader**

**Email: [keith.travers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:keith.travers@optusnet.com.au)**

## 1st Glossodia Joey Scout Mob is Launched! Henriette de Koning GL

We are very excited to announce that Joey Scouts has officially started at 1<sup>st</sup> Glossodia Scout Group in Term 3 of 2016! Following a great response from the community to the trial Programme we conducted last term we are enthusiastically *hopping* into Joeys. With a supportive team around us and wonderful Leaders - it promises to be a very exciting time ahead. We have a great Programme prepared - full of adventure and fun experiences the Joeys can get involved with.

**The Investiture of our first ten Joey Scouts last night ... aren't they cute ?  
And we have another one to sign-up !**



## BUSHWALKING - TRISTAN FLORES

Here are some photos from our hike to Wollangambe Crater. We made it around 75% of the way before we lost the light. So I am going to call this Part 1. I would call it 14 km for your logs. You all did a beaut job with your bushwalking and taking turns as leader.

I thought everyone might be more disappointed not to reach the Crater but it seems we all enjoyed watching the sunset and spending the night in a small forest on a remote ridge in wild country. Perhaps sometimes the journey is more important than the destination. Thanks for your company. *Tristan*



## THE BULLETIN

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### REMOTE FIRST AID COURSE SISOOP305A run by Wal Waerner

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Start 7:00 pm Friday and finish mid-afternoon Saturday

**Pennant Hills Scout Camp, Pomona St, Pennant Hills**

**Cost per person \$96      Numbers required: 10 - 24**

**For further information and to book on-line**

**<http://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event.php?eid=12>**

**Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**

